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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 24 July 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of mtg.), Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Lloyd, [redacted] Sheldon (part of mtg), [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Commented that wherever possible officers who regularly attend the Deputies' Meeting should avoid making appointments during the time these meetings are held.

b) Referred to periodical briefings given General Erskine on Indonesia and noted that unless there was some underlying reason which he did not know about he saw no need for these briefings to be habitually held in the Pentagon when they could just as well be conducted in an appropriate briefing room of CIA. ACTION: DD/P.

c) Briefly reported on a discussion at the OCB meeting held on 17 July and noted in particular that the Board had discussed the matter of U. S. personnel in overseas areas and agreed that the report submitted to the NSC on this subject was a proper one and that requiring a regular report of personnel strengths abroad and through them identifying potential trouble spots is the best way for avoiding personnel problems or meeting them as they might arise. The Director commented he assumed CIA is going ahead with its proposed reduction of personnel [redacted] and noted possible reduction in [redacted] if it becomes necessary [redacted] The Director asked if any reduction could be made in [redacted] and [redacted] remarked that this was somewhat of a tougher nut to crack.

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d) Referred to the report of Messrs. Hart Perry and Harry E. Wilhelm of the Bureau of the Budget on U. S. Intelligence activities in [redacted] and asked Mr. Sheldon to distribute copies to DDCI, DD/P, DD/I, DD/S, DD/C and the IG. The Director noted he had not had an opportunity to study it carefully, however, he wished to do so as soon as possible and asked the aforementioned recipients to also study it at their early convenience. He remarked that a copy had been furnished the Chairman, President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, and we might expect possible queries from him now or at the time of our meeting with the Board in late September. Mr. Lloyd stated Perry had spoken to him about the report and would be available to discuss it with us before his departure on

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two weeks' leave on 29 July or upon his return. The Director said he thought it would be best to do this after his return. ACTION: DD/S.

e) Referred to a cable [] forwarding a request from the Ambassador that the COS open staff meetings each Wednesday with a brief resume on the intelligence picture [] and internationally (briefing to be based on a headquarters cable containing significant worldwide developments).

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[] stated that in this instance he believed this matter could best be handled by insuring that the OCI Weekly, which is published on Friday, reaches [] in sufficient time for the briefing requested. Mr. Amory commented that this could be supplemented by cables when required. The Director approved. ACTION: DD/P and DD/I.

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f) Noted a personal message cable from Amb. [] containing a request for a resume of Amb. White's testimony before the Senate Committee at closed confirmation hearings during the week of 27 May and commented that this was a little out of line insofar as the activities and responsibilities of this Agency are concerned. Note: The Director will personally reply to the above-mentioned message.

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g) Commented that TDs were, for him, hard and laborious to read and asked if the others present found this to be so or had we received complaints from outside the Agency. [] noted that this is somewhat of a knotty problem in view of the kind of printing and paper necessary for these disseminations in the interest of timeliness. Mr. Sheldon remarked that there was something to the Director's comment since in the rapid reading course it had been proved almost impossible to increase reading speed of cables and still retain good comprehension. Mr. Amory said he would like to suggest that some other system for numbering TDs be devised since he found it difficult in referring to these publications when they were numbered up in the [] ACTION: DD/P.

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h. Noted he had read with interest a cable [] respecting Adenauer's plans for a new cabinet and commented that if we had not already done so we should have some talks with State. Mr. Amory said he was concerned about the forthcoming German elections and the Director noted we should not go out too far on a limb in predicting the outcome.

Mr. Wisner:

Referred to a cable from [] The Director said he had read this message with a great deal of interest and stated we should touch base with State before preparing a reply and giving another negative answer. Mr. Wisner commented he believed our stand taken in a previous message was still valid. The Director agreed.

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Mr. Amory:

a) Referred to the minutes of the Bermuda Conference and in particular the minute on Poland and noted he had asked Fisher Howe why this Agency had not received copies. Mr. Howe advised that the State Department in instances of Presidential level International Conferences was only acting as the executive agent of the White House and therefore could not release records of such conferences without White House approval. Mr. Amory suggested that the Director might wish to mention this to General Goodpaster since he did not believe that Goodpaster is aware that CIA does not receive this type of report. With respect to the minute on Poland, Mr. Amory said he thought he would be successful in obtaining it. The Director noted if there was any difficulty to let him know.

25X1 b) Referred to cable [] and noted that 46 copies of this message had been distributed. He said there was no objection on his part in making this cable available to the DD/P area, however, he did feel that his office should have been consulted before such wide distribution had been made.

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